



Ministry Visions

The Names of God --- His intent and purpose

In Exodus Chapter 3 we have the account of the "burning bush" in which Almighty God first revealed Himself to Moses in a new and exciting way. Four hundred years of bondage in Egypt had come and gone and, although the children of Israel believed in the existence of God, they had not known the presence of God.

When the Lord revealed His Name to Moses as "I AM THAT (WHO) I AM," He also, with that Name, revealed His intent and purpose. He revealed that He intended to deliver His people out of bondage and His purpose was to take them into the promised land. The Hebrew translation of this Name means: to become, to exist, to come to pass, to be. "Hayah" or "Havah" literally means - to be, done, to be finished! This is where we get the Name "Jehovah!" I love that, when Jehovah is on the scene things come to pass!!!

There are basically two groups of Names of God that are used as compound names in the Old Testament. Actually, they are more than names, they are really revelations of His character, who He is.. We have the "Elohistic" Names - such as "Elohim, El-Shaddai, El-Olam, El-Gibbor." These Elohistic Names speak of God in His role as the God of creation, in His Almightyness and they pertain to the covenant of creation.

The second group is the "Jehovahistic" Names. These names speak of God in His role as a redeemer and pertain to the covenants of redemption. These are very personal to us because we qualify! We all were in need of redemption and a Savior. It is very easy to see that these Names are fulfilled in, and are a reality to us today through the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

There are eight Jehovaistic Names that we really need to become familiar with. These describe who the Lord is to us, His will and His self revelation to us. Many Christians, through ignorance of the Word, are continually coming to the Lord begging Him to be to them that which He already is! We do not need to beg Him to be, we need to receive Him for who He already is to us by faith!

By educating ourselves to His personal nature, we will therefore be better equipped to quickly dispel the fear that the devil is constantly attempting to bring our way, in hopes of keeping us from the blessings of the Word. It will enable us to fulfill the Word that states "The just shall live by faith." When we know the Lord's intent towards us and what we can expect from Him, fear no longer has a hold on us, and faith becomes a natural reality.

Look what Psalm 91:14 says about the Name of God:

Because he has set his love upon Me,
Therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high,
Because he has known My name.

It's interesting to note that the word "know" in this verse is not just talking about a casual knowing, instead it is speaking of a deep intimacy, the way a husband knows a wife. Know that the Lord desires to have a deep and intimate fellowship with you today, spend time with Him in worship and in His Word, He has much that He wants to reveal to you!!!.

Jesus even speaks of the importance of knowing these Names in what has become known as the Lord's Prayer. Actually this is not a prayer to be just read through in less than a minute, but it's really a prayer outline, and a series of prayer topics - a model for each believer for a successful and effective prayer life. And remember, Jesus spoke this in response to the disciples asking Him to teach them to pray, He responded with this topic stating in a sense, "This is how you do it!"

Look at the first topic in Matthew 6:9

In this manner, therefore, pray:
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

To hallow the Names of God is to revere them as Holy, to ponder, to think about and consider, to praise - to reverence and to worship Him for who He is.

I know I have given you a lot of information so far, but as you learn these Names you can incorporate them in your prayer and praise times, and you will find that in focusing in on these Names you will notice a heightened awareness of the presence of God. Now when you sense this heightened presence, know that this is a wonderful moment to just get quiet or still and begin to listen for and to "hear" the voice of God. When this happens I can assure you that your life is about to change!

The Name Jehovah has the meaning of the self-existent one or the eternal one, and has the inference of the God who reveals Himself to us. These compound Names reveal the nature of His many characteristics to us. So when you read through the following names, make it personal and read each one with the understanding that He is the God who

reveals Himself to me as my.... (then add which ever attribute that is being described - healer, provider, peace, etc..)

Jehovah-Tsidkenu (Sid-kay'-noo)

The Lord our Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:5-6

This name reveals our acceptance by God through the sacrificial Blood of Jesus as our substitute. 2 Corinthians 5:21 is an exciting scripture that describes the exchange that was made available to all when He made Him who knew no sin to become sin for us so that we could become the righteousness of God in Christ. Don't you just love it! He took our sin and we take on His righteousness! What a great deal!!!

Now this doesn't mean that we are flawless or perfect, but it speaks of His wonderful Grace that paved the way for us to become children and heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ - Romans 8:16-17. Praise the Lord, we are clothed with His righteousness and therefore we are free from condemnation (Romans 8:1). Our past is forgiven and we have a fresh start in life. Now that's true Amazing Grace! When the devil tries to convince you that you are a no-body, just remind him that because you've made Jesus the Lord of you life, you are now the righteousness of God in Christ, which is a true somebody!!!

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

I am saved and considered righteous because of the shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

I am free from sin and guilt and shame.

I am loved and accepted by God - my past is forgiven and erased.

I am now a child and heir of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ!

Praise Him and receive Him as your righteousness today!

Jehovah-M'kaddesh (Ma-kah'-desh)

The Lord who sanctifies - Leviticus 20:8

This name reveals the ever-present, on going, in-filling and sanctification of our lives through His Spirit. Through Jesus' shed blood we are not only forgiven, but we are set apart for God's service. In fact, Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we were created in Jesus Christ unto good works which God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. WOW! That's the will of God for us. He planned the path for our lives and then prepared

the way and is empowering us to accomplish that plan. Don't you fall for the lie that you are worthless and that you don't have any giftings, you are set apart for God ordained works that are tailor made just for you.

God has also sanctified us and makes us holy, so we can have fellowship with Him. Did you know that God wants to fellowship with you? He wants you to learn to hear His voice and to spend time in His presence. We have the Holy Spirit within us, and He has been given so as to empower us to live holy lives and to be morally and spiritually pure. He is continually working on us from taking us from glory to glory and is renewing us each day so as to bring us into the image of the character of Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18). Remember, we are a work in progress (Philippians 1:6) and if we blow it, we can go to the Lord, confess our sin, repent and be cleansed - 1 John 1:9 and start again. What a wonderful Lord and Savior is He!!!

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

I am sanctified through the Blood of Jesus.

I am set apart unto You Lord for service - Lord use me as you desire.

I thank you that I have the right to experience intimate fellowship with you Lord.

I thank you Lord for the maturing and molding process that is ongoing within my life.

Praise Him and receive Him as your Sanctifier today!

Jehovah-Shalom (Sha-lom')

The Lord is peace - Judges 6:24

The true meaning of this name reveals much more to us than what we've normally understood peace to mean. The word "Shalom" is a rich word that literally means: health, prosperity, happiness, favor, safety and peace. This word speaks of our wholeness and harmony with God, and our contentment and satisfaction in this life. In brief, it simply means, nothing missing and nothing broken!

Nehemiah 8:10 says: "The joy of the Lord is our strength," a true blessing and result of peace. Jesus spoke of this joy in John 15:11, making clear His intent when He said: "These things I have spoken to you that My joy remain in you and that your joy may be full." Through the work of the cross, we have the right to be free from all anxiety. Isaiah 26:3 reads: "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You." What a blessing. Just receive it - don't struggle for it - it's who He is.

In Isaiah 9:6-7 it calls Jesus the Prince of Peace, the Prince of Shalom - the Prince of healing, prosperity, happiness, favor, and safety. Then it goes on to say: "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end." Think of it, Jehovah-Shalom is saying, "It's yours and there is no end to it, both in quantity and longevity - it's all yours. From this time on and forevermore. Put your faith and trust in Jehovah-Shalom.

Release it on your spouse, your marriage, your family, and over all that concerns you. It's yours!!! Through the redemptive work on the Cross the sin barrier has been broken and we can now come "Boldly" to the Throne of Grace and obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need! - Hebrews 4:16.

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

I have the right to health, prosperity, happiness, favor, safety, and peace.

Because of the shed Blood of Jesus, I have the right to Joy, full joy because you are my peace.

Because of that Peace I have the right to come "Boldly" (with confidence) to the Throne of Grace whenever I want.

I am free from anxiety, it has no right to have a hold on me, because Jesus set me free!

Praise Him and receive Him as your Peace today!

Jehovah-Rapha (Rah'-phah)
The Lord Heals - Exodus 15:26

This name is what our web site is all about, revealing the Lord as our complete healer. The word "Rapha" literally means: cause to cure, to make whole, to heal, to mend or repair, a physician. Many have stated that Isaiah 53:5 is only speaking of a spiritual healing.

However, we see that Matthew 8:16 - 17 does not agree with that assessment, and Matthew himself alludes to Isaiah 53, stating that physical healing was the fulfillment of that scripture. Understand that Healing is for the entire man - spirit, soul and body, 1 Thessalonians 5:23 confirms this fact stating that we are to be preserved blameless - without or being free from condemnation, the entire man.

Probably the boldest proof of this is found in Galatians 3:13, that states we've been redeemed from the "curse of the Law." The curse of the Law is found in Deuteronomy 28:15- 68 and I suggest that you read it and see what you've been redeemed from. Especially read verse 61 that tells us the curse of the Law is inclusive of every sickness and

disease that could ever be! Galatians 3:13 states boldly then that we've been redeemed from it all!

According to these scriptures, you must come to understand and believe that sickness and disease are illegal to the believer. You need to know this - I can not stress this enough! We have the right to walk in Divine health! Remember, Jesus Christ went to the cross spirit, soul & body to redeem us spirit, soul & body. It is a finished work- 1 Peter 2:24, By His stripes you were healed!!! (past tense - it's already done!)

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

Jesus You are my healer and my right to Divine Health.

I am redeemed from the curse of the Law and therefor under the blessing.

Sickness and disease have no right to reside in my body.

By the stripes of Jesus I was and I am healed!

I am blameless - free from condemnation!

Praise Him and receive Him as your Healer today!

Jehovah-Nissi (Nis'-see)

The Lord my Banner - Exodus 17:15

This name reveals to us the fact that the Lord is our victory and that we should expect it in every situation! In Old Testament times when an army would go out to war, the musicians would be out in front to set the tone for victory, but in front of them would be the banner carriers! Basically stating or proclaiming that their king is stronger and more able to defeat the other king. Isaiah 11:10 is a powerful scripture stating boldly that Jesus is our Banner - our Victory! He is our victorious King through the shed Blood!

Song Of Solomon 2:4 tells us: "His banner over us is Love" and 1 Corinthians 13:8 says "Love never fails." Hallelujah!!! This Banner represents God's cause and is a sign of deliverance and salvation - sure victory (1 Corinthians 15:57) and has made us More Than Conquerors (Romans 8:37)! Are you expecting good things to happen to you? You should, you are highly favored by God and Jehovah-Nissi is your Lord! Shake off that mindset of doom and gloom, you are destined to win!

As you praise Him every day as your victory, you will begin to expect victory instead of lack or defeat. Take a look at Psalm 5:12 this victory from the Lord has drenched you with

His favor: "For you O Lord will bless the righteous, with favor you will surround him as with a shield!"

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

I receive you as my banner and that banner over me is Love and it (You) never fails.

Through Jesus, You have made me more than a conqueror!

Since you are for me, then WHO can be against me?

No matter how big the storm or how much the winds blow, Lord You are my victory and I will come through it!

I cannot lose, I am surrounded with FAVOR, and therefore victory.

Praise Him and receive Him as your Victory today!

Jehovah-Jireh (Ji'-rah)

The Lord's Provision shall be seen - Genesis 22:14

This name reveals the Lord as our provider in every situation you could ever encounter. An actual translation of this name is - Jehovah will see (to it)!!! I like that, whatever I have need of He will see to it!!! He is the Lord who sees our needs beforehand and makes provision for them. Isaiah 46:10 tells us that He declares the end from the beginning - He has already declared your supply and provision from before the foundations of the Earth were ever formed!

Often the enemy tells us we are going to fail because of a lack of provision. It's comforting to know that Jesus took the curse of failure and became for us the source of our success and through the Lord Jesus Christ we can do all things (Philippians 4:13). This name speaks not only of His ability to provide for us, but of His willingness to do so. Take a look at the provision of blessing He has provided for us in Deuteronomy 28: 1-14. I get excited every time I read them and you should too. That's your inheritance - Believe it, Receive it and act upon it!

If you would do a word study on the word "blessed," you would find it can be summed up as "empowered to succeed." Philippians 4:19 beautifully reads: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Isn't that great! Whatever you have need of He will meet it from His generous and glorious and unending heavenly supply. Get rid of fear and place your trust in Jehovah-Jireh, He will not let you down.

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

Lord you are my full supply, and I receive You as my prosperity.

I have no lack for you meet all of my needs.

I am free from all failure and lack and in you I am a success.

In you Lord I can do all things!

I am blessed - empowered to succeed.

Praise Him and receive Him as your Provider today!

Jehovah-Rohi (Ro'-ee)

The Lord my Shepherd - Psalm 23

This name reveals the Lord as our shepherd and the fact that He has promised to lead us and guide us through this life. We do not have to fear what may come in this life, as the Bible tells us in Psalm 37:23 that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delights in his way." Glory to God! He has an ordained path for each one of us and He delights in that plan and is on the scene to make sure we get on that path and that we stay on track - this is what brings Him joy!

I invite you to read through the 23rd Psalm fresh and new. Ask the Lord to minister to you as you read, and read it slow and think about each verse. This is who Jehovah-Rohi is to you. See the love and compassion and tender care for His flock. Take special note of the security and protection that is promised. This name also speaks of Him as a companion and friend. In Old Testament times the word "friend" is a total covenant word, not the casual meaning it has today. This is talking of a person who will go the whole way with you, and will even die for you - and He did! Thank you Jesus!!!

If we will study and gain a covenant mentality, the Word of God will come alive to us. The Word of God is a covenant book, written in covenant times, through the hands of covenant people. Take the time to find out about covenants, and especially the covenants in the Word. Your walk with God will never be the same as the Word of God will become alive to you! Simply put the covenant we have entered into through Jesus Christ means God is saying to us, "all that I have and all that I am I give to you." We can't lose!!!

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

I thank you that you have ordained my way through life, my path is ordered by you Lord.

You are my Shepherd, you are guiding me every step of the way.

I submit myself to your Lordship and your leading this day.

Thank you for restoring my soul and that you lead me beside the still waters.

Because you are with me I will fear no evil for I know it is only a shadow of death and not the reality.

I receive your abundance and overflowing for me and my family in Psalm 23

Praise Him and receive Him as your Shepherd today!

Jehovah-Shammah (Sham'-mah)

The Lord is There - Ezekiel 48:35

This name is the promise of God dwelling in the midst of his people - the promise of His presence here on the earth and in us through the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 3:16 relates a great truth to us: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Think of it, we are containers of God! Where ever we are, God - Jehovah Shammah is on the scene there with us. Now that's something to get all excited over!

To Moses at the burning bush God was not only revealing Himself, but was also sending him into what Moses thought was a very difficult situation. It wouldn't be enough to simply know about God, it was a task that could not be accomplished without the presence of God. When the Lord revealed Himself as "I AM that I AM," He was reassuring Moses saying, "I will be whatever you need me to be, whenever you need me to be it!" Praise the Lord - we have a better covenant now than Moses had then. God is not only with us - He is in us! He is the overflowing, ever-present One - Jehovah-Shammah!

Because I have accepted Jesus into my heart:

I thank you Lord for your presence here with me and in me now, that I am your temple.

I thank you that you desire to fellowship with me.

I thank you for your intense love for me.

I thank that you will never leave me nor forsake me.

Thank you Lord that you will be whatever I need you to be, whenever I need you to be it!

Praise Him and receive Him as your Ever-Present Lord today!

We do not have to beg Him to do any of the above - this is who He already is and it is His will and desire to reveal Himself to you in these powerful ways. Understand that He is waiting for us to begin to expect each of these attributes to become a reality in our lives by faith! Say no to fear and yes to faith! Doubt your doubts and keep the switch of faith turned on! Remember, it is our place to believe, and it is God's place to perform His Word!

Jeremiah 1:12 in the Amplified Version says:

"I am alert and active watching over My Word to perform it!"